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SUBJ: CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN MALI

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MR. NADEAU, CANADIAN FIRST SECRETARY (DEVELOPMENT) IN BAMAKO, EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER INFORMED SIGNING TWO ACCORDS BETWEEN MALI AND CANADA.

2. FIRST ACCORD CALLS FOR CANADA TO FINANCE HIGH TENSION POWER LINES FOR THE SELINGUE DAM FOR SELINGUE TO BAMAKO, A DISTANCE OF 142 KILOMETERS. PROJECT SCHEDULED TO RUN FROM JULY 1977 TO 1980 AND COST 8 MILLION CANADIAN DOLLARS. CANADIAN GOODS AND SERVICES WILL BE USED TO EXTENT OF 80PERCENT TOTAL COST.

2. SECOND ACCORD IS 30 MILLION DOLLAR MICRO-WAVE TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECT WHICH ALSO INCLUDES SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA, NIGER AND DAHOMEY. MALI'S SHARE WILL BE 7 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS SYSTEM WILL SERVE AS BACKBONE FOR COMMUNICATIONS IN WEST AFRICA ALLOWING DIRECT LINKS BETWEEN COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING TELEPHONE SERVICE, THE SYSTEM WILL BE UTILIZED FOR TELEX AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN EARLY 1977.

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COMMENT: TWO AGREEMENTS ARE INDICATIVE OF INCREASED CANADIAN

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN MALI. ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP INFRA-
STRUCTURE IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO MALI.
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